DOING SCIENCE: THE PROCESS OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY

Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills – Science Processes and Inquiry – Grades 6, 7, 8 **Description** Lesson Standard Identify qualitative and quantitative changes given conditions (e.g., temperature, mass, volume, time, position, 3 1.1 length, quantity) before, during, and after an event. Use appropriate tools (e.g., metric ruler, graduated cylinder, thermometer, balances, spring scales, stopwatches) 1.2 1 when measuring objects, organisms, and/or events. Use appropriate System International (SI) units (i.e., grams, meters, liters, degrees Celsius, and seconds); 1 1.3 and SI prefixes (i.e., micro-, milli-, centi-, and kilo-) when measuring objects, organisms, and/or events. Use observable properties to place an object, organism, and/or event into a classification system (e.g., dichotomous 1, 3 2.1 keys). Identify properties by which a set of objects, organisms, and/or events could be ordered. 1, 3 2.2 Ask questions about the world and design investigations that lead to scientific inquiry. All lessons 3.1 Evaluate the design of a scientific investigation. 3.2 All lessons 1, 2, 3 3.3 Identify variables and/or controls in an experimental setup (i.e., tested, experimental, and measured variables). Identify a testable hypothesis for an experiment. All lessons 3.4 Design and conduct experiments. 3.5 3 Recognize potential hazards and practice safety procedures in all science activities. 3 3.6 Report data in an appropriate method when given an experimental procedure or data. 1.3 4.1 3, 4 4.2 Interpret data tables, line, bar, trend, and/or circle graphs. Evaluate data to develop reasonable explanations, and/or predictions. 1, 3, 4 4.3 1, 3, 4 Accept or reject hypotheses when given results of an investigation. 4.4 All lessons 4.5 Communicate scientific procedures and explanations. 5.1 Use systematic observations, make accurate measurements, and identify and control variables. 1, 3 3 5.2 Use technology to gather data and analyze results of investigations. Review data, summarize data, and form logical conclusions. 5.3 1, 3, 4 5.4 Formulate and evaluate explanations proposed by examining and comparing evidence, pointing out statements that 1, 3, 4

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		go beyond evidence, and suggesting alternative explanations.			
		Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills – Science – Grades 6 & 7			
Lesson	Standard	Description			
3, 4	4.2	Living organisms have physical and/or behavioral responses to external stimuli (e.g., hibernation, migration, plant growth). (7)			
Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills – Mathematics Process Standards – Grades 6, 7, 8					
Lesson	Standard	Description			
3	1.1	Develop and test strategies to solve practical, everyday problems which may have single or multiple answers.			
3	1.2	Use technology to generate and analyze data to solve problems.			
3	1.3	Formulate problems from situations within and outside of mathematics and generalize solutions and strategies to new problem situations.			
3	1.4	Evaluate results to determine their reasonableness.			
3	1.6	Use oral, written, concrete, pictorial, graphical, and/or algebraic methods to model mathematical situations.			
3, 4	2.1	Discuss, interpret, translate (from one to another) and evaluate mathematical ideas (e.g., oral, written, pictorial, concrete, graphical, algebraic).			
3, 4	2.2	Reflect on and justify reasoning in mathematical problem solving (e.g., convince, demonstrate, formulate).			
3	3.1	Identify and extend patterns and use experiences and observations to make suppositions.			
3, 4	4.1	Apply mathematical strategies to solve problems that arise from other disciplines and the real world.			
3, 4	5.1	Use a variety of representations to organize and record data (e.g., use concrete, pictorial, and symbolic representations).			
1, 3, 4	5.4	Use a variety of representations to model and solve physical, social, and mathematical problems (e.g., geometric objects, pictures, charts, tables, graphs).			
	Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills – Mathematics Content Standards – Grades 6, 7, 8				
Lesson	Standard	Description			
1, 3, 4	5.1	Collect, organize, and interpret data to solve problems (e.g., data from student experiments, tallies, Venn diagrams, tables, circle and bar graphs, spreadsheets). (6)			

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3, 4	2.1.b	Use the basic operations on integers to solve problems. (7)			
3, 4	2.1.a	Compare and order rational numbers (positive and negative integers, fractions, decimals) in real-life situations. (8)			
	2.1.c	Apply ratios and proportions to solve problems. (8)			
3	5.1	Select and apply appropriate formats (e.g., line plots, bar graphs, stem-and-leaf plots, scatter plots, histograms, circle graphs) to display collected data. (8)			
3, 4	5.3	Determine how samples are chosen (random, limited, biased) to draw and support conclusions about generalizing a sample to a population (e.g., is the average height of a men's college basketball team a good representative sample for height predictions?). (8)			
Oklahoma Priority Academic Student Skills – Language Arts – Grades 6, 7, 8					
Lesson	Standard	Description			
2, 3, 4	3.2.a	Draw inferences and conclusions about text and support them with textual evidence and prior knowledge. (Reading)			
2, 3, 4	3.3.a	Summarize and paraphrase information including the main idea and significant supporting details of a reading selection. (6 & 7 – Reading) Determine the main (or major) idea and how those ideas are supported with specific details. (8 – Reading)			
2, 3, 4	3.3.b	Make generalizations based on information gleaned from text. (6 – Reading) Paraphrase and summarize text to recall, inform, or organize ideas. (8 – Reading)			
All lessons	3.3.d	Support reasonable statements by reference to relevant aspects of text and examples. (7 – Reading)			
All lessons	3.4.d	Problem/solution - offer observations, make connections, react, speculate, interpret, and raise questions in response to text. (8 – Reading)			
3	5.1.b	Access information from a variety of primary and secondary sources to gather information for research topics. (6 & 7 - Reading)			
2, 3, 4	1.2	Make generalizations based on information gleaned from text. (6 - Writing) Use details, examples, reasons, and evidence to develop an idea. (7 & 8 – Writing)			
All lessons	1.4	Use precise word choices, including figurative language, that convey specific meaning and tone. (Writing)			
All lessons	1.5	Use a variety of sentence structures, types, and lengths to contribute to fluency and interest. (Writing)			
3	2.2.d	Write research reports that: organize and display information on charts, tables, maps, and graphs. (8 – Writing)			
All lessons	2.7	Write for different purposes and audiences, adjusting tone, style, and voice as necessary to make writing interesting. (6 - Writing)			

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All lessons	2.8	Write for different purposes and audiences, adjusting tone, style, and voice as necessary to make writing interesting. (7 & 8 - Writing)
All lessons	1.1	Identify the major ideas and supporting evidence in informative and persuasive messages. (Listening)
All lessons	1.2	Determine the purpose for listening (i.e., gaining information, solving problems; or for enjoying, appreciating, recalling, interpreting, applying, analyzing, evaluating, receiving directions, or learning concepts). (6 – Listening) Listen in order to identify and discuss topic, purpose, and perspective. (7 & 8 – Listening)
All lessons	2.1	Analyze purpose, audience, and occasion and consider this information in planning an effective presentation or response. (Listening)
A 11 1	2.4	Use level-appropriate vocabulary in speech (e.g., metaphorical language, sensory details, or specialized
All lessons	2.7	vocabulary). (7 & 8 – Listening)
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